

McCammon Fire District-Mitigation Plan

The McCammon Fire District is located in central Bannock County and is predominately agricultural. The District covers approximately 44 square miles and the Department protects 346 homes with a value of \$25,113,000.00

The McCammon Fire Department is a volunteer department with 16 members including the Fire Chief. The Department responds to approximately 20 calls for service each calendar year.

The Department operates 1 4x4 250 gallon light wildland truck, 1 old model heavy truck and has a 3400 gallon tender which is very old.

The Chief states the Department has had very little wildland firefighter training. Also indicated the need to recruit more volunteers. Recruitment and retention of volunteers is an ongoing issue.

The Department has no history of fire prevention programs. The limited number of volunteers and limited resources make providing these types of program very difficult. The Department has not been involved in any fuels reduction projects. There are some properties in the District which could use some home evaluations and possible fuels reduction projects. The Department has not looked at using the Red Zone program.

The Department has a history of wildland fire with one of the largest being the Walker Creek Fire in 2001. The Department responds to a number of wildland fires each year. Most recently the District experienced a large wildfire in the District, the Harkness Fire, which burned approximately 5,000 acres and two homes were lost.

The Chief indicated there were several homes near the end of Jensen and Marsh Creeks roads which may not be in a fire district.

Water resources currently used by the Department are the City water system and the Portneuf River and Marsh Creek.

The Chief indicated the need to work more closely with the Federal Agencies which respond to assist in the District. This issue was discussed at a post incident review following the Harkness Fire.

Fire Mitigation Goals

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| • Funding for a new fire station | \$300,000.00 |
| • Light brush truck | 60,000.00 |
| • Small Equipment (hand tools, saws, etc.) | 5,000.00 |
| • Personal Protective Equipment | 5,000.00 |
| • Wildland Fire Training | 2,000.00 |

- County wildland fire code
- County mutual aid agreement
- Portable water supply
- Become a Firewise Community

Fire Mitigation Actions

- Station Replacement and equipment upgrades-work with Federal Agencies to identify funding sources. Participate in training opportunities for grant writing and work with County, State and Federal agencies to acquire needed funding.
- Wildland Fire Training-work with the BLM on setting up training now available through the Eastern Idaho Technical College. Design the training to be accessible to the volunteers schedules.
- Wildland Fire Code-participate with a Countywide group to draft and adopt a code.
- Mutual Aid Agreement-participate with other Fire Districts in the County to adopt a mutual aid agreement.
- Portable water supply-participate with other Fire Districts to acquire and share water tenders.

McCammon Fire District

HIGH

Past Occurrence 4

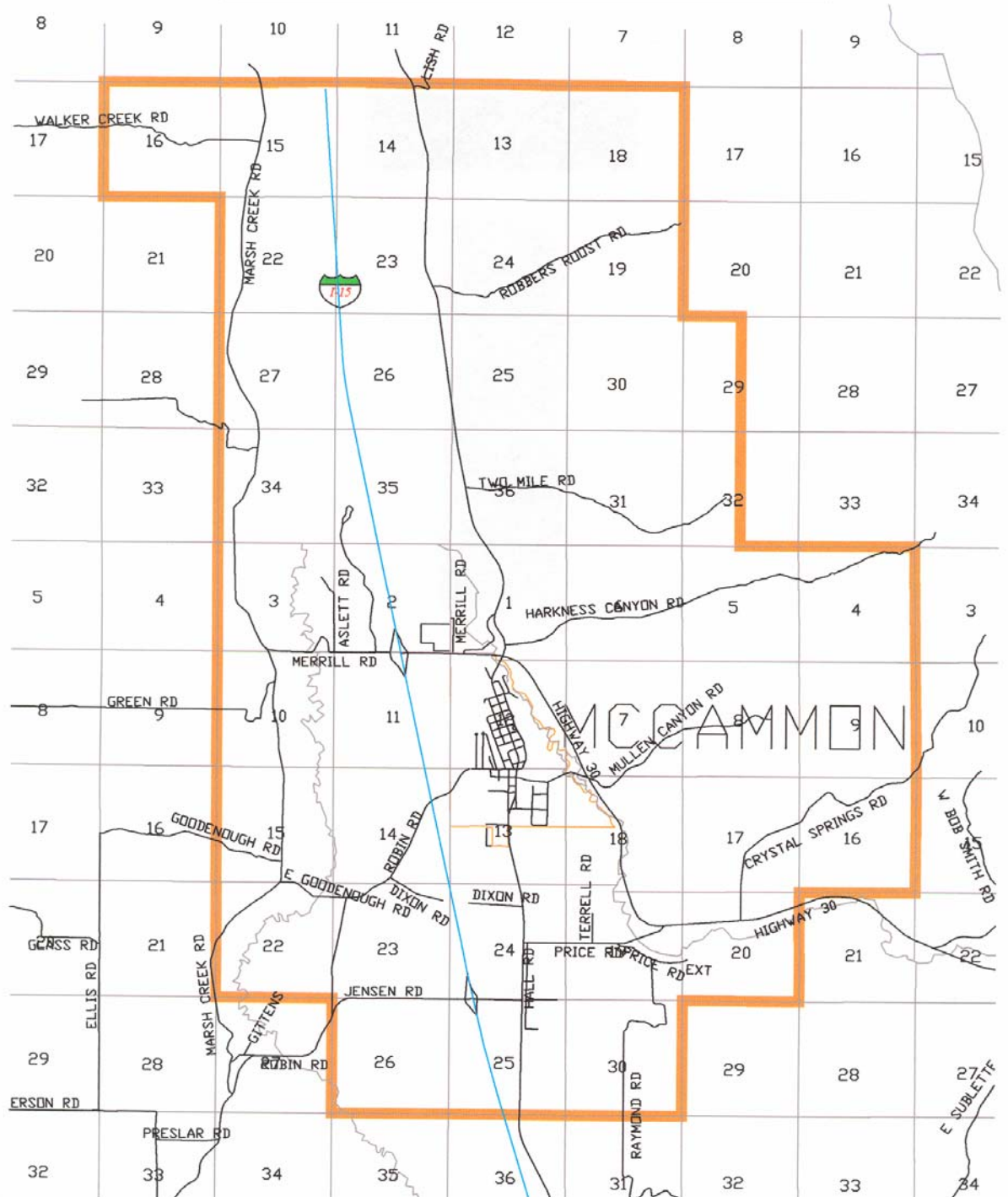
Fuel Conditions 5

Population 2

Suppression 3

Suggested Mitigation Projects-Home evaluations in target areas

McCAMMON FIRE DISTRICT



Assessment Overview Report
McCammon Fire District
Three Rivers Resource, Conservation and Development Area
June 2003

Profile of the District:

The McCammon Fire District is a combined municipal and fire protection district. The protection area includes a slow growing area of Southeastern Idaho including structural protection and wildland fires. McCammon has rolling hills with streams and mountainous areas primarily agricultural in nature.

Organizational Structure

The District reports to the City Council. The structure includes a fire chief, an assistant fire chief and 14 firefighters. All personnel are volunteers. The Chief indicated he would like to add additional personnel including a captain and lieutenant.

Facilities:

The District has one station with four bays. A reserve pump is moved into the City shop during the winter to make room for its tender. The District is in need of a new station that included enough bays to accommodate all of the apparatus as well as training and office space.

Response Area:

The fire protection area includes agricultural, rangelands, wildland urban interface, residential and business. The response area includes 15 square miles.

Budget and Funding:

Actual budget figures are not available. The budget is funded 100% from tax dollars.

Grants:

The Fire District has received grant funds from the BLM and Forest Service. The District is not yet familiar with the National Fire Plan and it hopes to improve its grant funding knowledge.

Records Management:

A manual records management system is in place. The District recently started tracking more aspects of the District's operations from reports to apparatus, training and personnel records.

Firefighting Program:

The McCammon Fire District has 16 personnel within the firefighting program that are all volunteers. Fire response includes protection for structures and wildland fire suppression. The District reports it responds to 6 fire calls a year. The area is at high risk for wildland urban interface fires but little risk for terrorist attacks. All 16 of the firefighters are trained in wildland suppression. The District does have some adequate and reliable water sources including water mains, hydrants and bodies of water. The 10-minute place into action requirement is a capability of the District with scene size-up, external initial attack, tender operations and water supply.

Firefighting Program Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Station, 4 Bays• Volunteer Personnel• 2,250 Structural/275 Wildland Total GPM Capacity• Manual Record Keeping System in Progress• Fire Response: Structural & Wildlands• 2 Structural/2 Wildland/ 1 Structural/Wildland Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Station with Office and Training Space• Improved Roadways• New Tender• Grant Writing and Grant Resources• Local Grant Writing Courses• NFPA Apparatus Maintenance Manuals• Develop Testing System

Hazardous Materials Program:

The Fire District does not have a HazMat response team.

EMS Program:

The District does not support an EMS system at this time.

Training and Certification:

The District's training program includes no minimal requirements at this point.

Training and Certification Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wildlands Refresher Courses• Initial Training, Manuals, Workbooks• Videos, Slides• Low-Cost, State or Federal Funding Assistance

Communications:

Communication is dispatched through the Bannock County 911 dispatch center. Radio communication capacity is sufficient. Some vehicles are equipped with radios but the District does not have a sufficient number of hand-held radios. All District members have pagers. Communication with other entities is good.

Communication Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responds to Remote Alarm Calls• Portable Radios• Radios in Some Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radios in All Response Vehicles• Hand-held Radios

Prevention and Inspection:

The District does not have Fire Code regulation enforcement capacity. Fire cause and origin investigations are also not conducted. Inspections are handled by the county building inspector. Investigations of cause and origin are handled through the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Prevention and Inspection Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspections Handled by County Building Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locally Trained Personnel

Public Education:

The District does conduct public education programs for structural fires and home safety. It also regularly participates in public outreach with schools.

Public Education Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Education Programs• Outreach Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materials for Public Education